

## **Concord Wrap-Up** **by Bruce Alcock**

Our president did a very fine job with the last minute coordinating of our first show of the year. The weather for the day started off with fog, but cleared off just in time for the show opening. The layout was a relatively small 12 x 24-feet, unfortunately, no new modules this year. This show has seen the debut of many modules. My Pacemaker and the juice trains made their final runs under Northeast NTRAK colors. The winning module for the popular vote contest was a Connecticut Valley N-scale non-NTRAK module with mountains and fall colors. Frank Dignan and Carl Munroe also placed in the top ten vote getters. We received an anonymous donation of six passenger cars for the club to sell at the next Greenberg Show.

## **Wakefield Show** **by Jim Byington**

Saturday was a perfect day for a train show. Club members were there early for the set-up, the show beginning at 9:30 and not 10:00 as we had assumed. However, you know us, as long as there are four corners (but not always) we are always ready for a train show. Fay Chin was the coordinator (in name only) because everyone had suggestions as to the placement of each module. Most of us complied with Fay's directions because our president stood behind Fay with the look of an older leader. Bill Munroe gave us all a look that meant we should listen to the show coordinator or else. (I hope I get that much respect when James and I coordinate the show in April!) At 9:30 the public entered. Two shows in a week must have taken its toll on other clubs because our N-Trak layout was the only one at the show. In place of train layouts upstairs, there were more dealers this year. Our club was in the basement, as usual. The basement room adjoins the kitchen that makes it easier to have our "Annual Wakefield Train Show Luncheon." This year, as in the past, it was catered by one of our senior members, James Whitehead. Jim was kind enough to pick up the food and set out a beautiful spread.

The show attendance seemed to be less than last year as was the Concord, NH show the previous Sunday. Saturday was also the day on which the Annual North Conway Railfan Day was held. The North Conway Scenic Railroad planned to run B&M F-Units 4266 and 4268 as a pair for the railfans. 4268 was newly painted in maroon and gold for this occasion. A special maroon and gold T-shirt of the F-Units was designed for the day. Edaville's move to Portland Maine began on Saturday as well. With so much going on for the railfan, some of them must have gone elsewhere. The North Shore Club's layout was packed at 2:00 PM when James and I went over to see what they have done in the past year. Work has been done to the middle and end sections but there is still much to be done. Bob Foley was running his Narrow Gauge trains on dual gauge track. It was fascinating to watch his small locomotives run through the mountains. The North Shore members were friendly and hospitable as always. The show ended at 4:00 PM and we club members, under the watchful eyes of Fay Chin and our president, Bill Munroe, were out of the hall by 4:35 PM. Two shows within 7 days. My son James and I are still smiling.

**BOY, DO WE LIKE TRAINS!!!**

## **Module Mania**

Bruce Alcock has coordinated another full day of module activities with the Hub Division of the NMRA. The activities are being held in the Westgate Village Clubhouse (the same place as last year's Winter Workfest) in Nashua, NH. This should be a fun filled day of module building for everyone. See the enclosed "flier" for directions and details.

## **NER Fall Convention**

Our next show is the NMRA Northeast Region convention being held this year in North Conway, NH. We have not participated (as a club) in the NER convention for several years. This convention will have clinics and dealers just like the national conventions, except on a much smaller "scale." You will enjoy yourself and have the opportunity to meet and talk with fascinating model railroaders other than N-scalers. If you plan to participate with your module, please contact our layout coordinators: Bill Munroe (617) 729-2432 and George Chaltas (508) 485-5779.